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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SENATE IN TWO-DAY JOINT SESSION ENDING MARCH 4 APPROVED EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR ANOTHER SIX-MONTH PERIOD. STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE EXPIRED ON MARCH 5.

2. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ATTENDED BOTH DAYS' SITTINGS AND WOUND UP DEBATE FOR GOP. BHUTTO'S PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PROCEEDINGS PERHAPS REFLECTS CERTAIN SENSITIVITY OVER HIS RETENTION OF EMERGENCY POWERS FOLLOWING CRITICISM BY LEGAL PROFESSION AT KARACHI LAWYERS CONFERENCE LAST MONTH.

3. CONTRARY TO PRESS SPECULATION, GOP DID NOT INTRODUCE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO DELETE REFERENCE TO EAST PAKISTAN (CONSTITUTION NOW STATES THAT "THE CONSTITUTION SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY AMENDED SO AS TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE OF EAST PAKISTAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS AND WHEN FOREIGN AGGRESSION IN THAT PROVINCE AND

ITS EFFECTS ARE ELIMINATED, TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE
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